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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-526, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE
AND PLACEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-526, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-526. Child welfare; reporting requirements

5 A. The department shall compile the following information on a
6 semiannual basis ending March 31 and September 30 of each year:

7 1. The total number of reports received, by major category and by
8 priority. The report shall include a description of some of those incoming
9 communications determined not to meet the criteria of a report as chosen by a
10 random sample.

11 2. The number of reports not responded to, by priority, by county and
12 statewide. The report shall include a description of some of these cases as
13 chosen by random sample.

14 3. The number of reports responded to by priority and by major
15 category, by county and statewide.

16 4. The number of reports with a substantiated finding after
17 investigation, by priority, by county and statewide, that resulted in:

18 (a) The case being closed after an investigation.

19 (b) In-home services being provided after an investigation.

20 (c) Out-of-home services being provided after an investigation.

21 5. The number of newborn infants delivered to safe haven providers
22 pursuant to section 13-3623.01.

23 6. The number of children entering out-of-home care by county during
24 the reporting period, and the number and percentage of the children entering
25 out-of-home care by county during the reporting period who are voluntary
26 placements for children under eighteen years of age.

27 7. The number of direct client service positions that are vacant at
28 the end of the reporting period.

29 8. The number and percentage of children who have remained in a
30 shelter or receiving home for more than twenty-one consecutive days, by the
31 child's age group.

32 9. The number and type of licensed foster homes and the number of
33 licensed and available spaces in those homes.

34 10. The number and type of licensed foster homes that leave the foster
35 care system and the reason for the exit.

36 11. The number of licensed foster homes that receive the required
37 visitation by case managers pursuant to section 8-516.

38 12. The number of children placed in the care, custody and control of
39 the department at the end of the reporting period and the number of these
40 children who receive the required visitation by case managers pursuant to
41 section 8-516.

42 13. The number and percentage of children who are in the care, custody
43 and control of the department at the end of the reporting period and who are
44 in out-of-home placement and as categorized by:

45 (a) Age.

- 1 (b) Ethnicity.
- 2 (c) Case plan goal.
- 3 (d) Type of out-of-home placement.
- 4 (e) Length of time in out-of-home placement of less than thirty days,
- 5 thirty-one days to twelve consecutive months, twelve to twenty-four
- 6 consecutive months and more than twenty-four consecutive months.
- 7 (f) Primary legal status including voluntary placement for a child
- 8 under eighteen years of age, temporary custody, adjudicated dependent, free
- 9 for adoption, voluntary placement for a child over eighteen years of age,
- 10 dually adjudicated or any other legal status.
- 11 14. If the case plan is to return the child to the parent, the
- 12 percentage of parents who receive the required contact by case managers.
- 13 15. The number and percentage of children who left the custody of the
- 14 department during the reporting period by reason for leaving care and as
- 15 categorized by:
 - 16 (a) Age.
 - 17 (b) Ethnicity.
 - 18 (c) Number of placements.
 - 19 (d) Average length of time in care.
- 20 16. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of
- 21 adoption and who are not placed in an adoptive home at the end of the
- 22 reporting period and as categorized by:
 - 23 (a) Age.
 - 24 (b) Ethnicity.
 - 25 (c) Average length of time in care.
 - 26 (d) Legal status.
- 27 17. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of
- 28 adoption and who are placed in an adoptive home at the end of the reporting
- 29 period and as categorized by:
 - 30 (a) Age.
 - 31 (b) Ethnicity.
 - 32 (c) Average length of time in out-of-home placement.
 - 33 (d) Length of time from change of case plan goal to adoptive
 - 34 placement.
 - 35 (e) Legal status.
- 36 18. The number of children whose adoptions were finalized during the
- 37 reporting period and as categorized by:
 - 38 (a) Average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive
 - 39 placement.
 - 40 (b) Average length of time in adoptive placement before the final
 - 41 order of adoption.
- 42 19. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO DIED WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE
- 43 DEPARTMENT AND AS CATEGORIZED BY THE CAUSE OF DEATH AND THE LOCATION OF THE
- 44 DEATH.

1 B. Within three months after the end of each reporting period the
2 department shall submit a written report in as brief a format as possible to
3 the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
4 representatives, the chairperson of the house human services committee, the
5 chairperson of the senate family services committee, or their successor
6 committees, and the cochairpersons of the joint legislative committee on
7 children and family services. The department shall submit a copy of the
8 report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state
9 library, archives and public records.